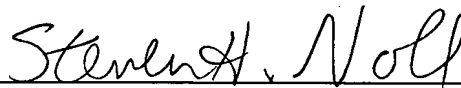


**REMARKS:**

The present Amendment revises the specification, drawings and claims to conform to United States patent practice, before examination of the present PCT application in the United States National Examination Phase. All of the changes are editorial and no new matter is added thereby. The cancellation of claims 1-16, in favor of new claims 17-32, has been made solely for convenience, since the amount of bracketing and underlining necessary to editorially amend claims 1-16 in order to conform to United States patent practice would have been excessive and burdensome. The cancellation of claims 1-16 is therefore not intended to be a surrender of any of the subject matter of those claims.

Early examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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